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AN INFORMAL SUPPER was served to about 450 guests on the BYU religion department Provo Canyon train ride. From left are Terry Warner, Mrs. Alan

Cook, Paul Felt and Mrs. Gary LeBaron. Several guests arrived at the station dressed in period costume.

BYU Department of Religion Makes Excursion on Train

By PHYLLIS PHILLIPS

One wise Utah County woman once said that if the family buys a new car every year, the children don't remember that, but if you give them an unusual experience, it stays with them forever.

Such an experience was provided by the Brigham Young University Department of Religion for faculty members and their families when they took a train trip from Heber City to Bridal Veil Falls.

Some 450 men, women and children crowded aboard, many of them in costumes of the Gay 90's period. When it was found there were not enough seats for everyone, another open car was placed next to the caboose.

(The caboose, incidently, was right behind the engine at the beginning of the trip, as the train was pulled backwards until Vivian Park, when a switch was made and the engine placed at the front of the train.)

En route, car by car, "dinner" was served — sloppy joes, salads and ice cream — by such expert chefs as Rodney Turner and his wife Bonnie, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cook and Mrs. Paul Felt, to name just a few.

Before the ride had fairly started, an "unscheduled" stop was made to pick up Wilson K. Anderson, a magician who entertained the kids, and Mr. Anderson's family.

Another exciting "pickup" was made of a hobo, who "hopped" aboard the moving train, and went from one person to another selling "flowers" (weeds) for a small remuneration. Under all the grime was Bryce Chamberlain, actor in "Man's Search for Happiness."

Still another guest, much more distinguished, was Abraham Lincoln (George Durrant), whose small son also sported an enormous top hat. Mrs. Durrant was also dressed to look like Mary Todd Lincoln.

Rozelle Anderson in a huge plumed hat, frilly blouse and long skirt looked like a Gibson Girl, and Deborah Fugal wore a plastic helmet over her head to protect her contact lenses.

Providing lively accordin music was Keith Lewis.

The day, though cool, was very comfortable, and the scenery from the opposite side of Deer Creek Reservoir inspired thoughts of pirate coves, Indians and buffalo. Further down the canyon the

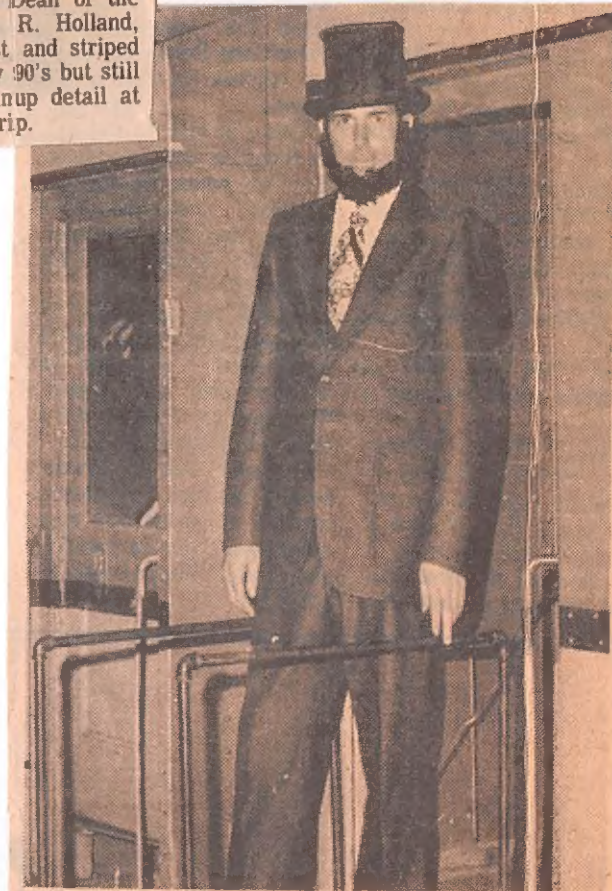
tracks go through miles of trees, this time of year displaying reds, oranges and yellows. Here and there were mulberry trees with their purple fruit, and choke cherry and other berried bushes.

The train blew steam to warn a bunch of sheep to get off the track, and fishermen in Provo River usually ignored the whistle and roar, so intent were they on getting a big catch.

The children enjoyed going from one car to another to see which was the most interesting. Most found the

open cars, though sometimes windy, more exciting than the closed coaches. One little girl curled up on a seat at the beginning of the trip, but soon the excitement of the other children woke her up.

Paul Felt, in a huge engineer's cap, was chairman of the affair, assisted by LaMar Berret, Allen Cook and Victor Ludlow. Dean of the college, Jeffery R. Holland, wore a red vest and striped shirt of the Gay 90's but still helped the cleanup detail at the end of the trip.



MOST NOTABLE GUEST on the trip was Abraham Lincoln (George Durrant) who poses as if arriving for his inaugural address. Mrs. Durrant and some of their children also dressed in costume for the occasion.

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3 Being Rehabilitated

County Begins Canyon Parks Effort

By Josephine Zimmerman

A cleanup of the three Provo Canyon parks and preliminary work toward building a new county recreation center at Vivian Park in the canyon is now underway.

Utah County has taken over the three parks previously operated by Provo City, and has purchased Vivian Park for a new recreation facility.

Work crews are currently clearing the three city parks and preparing to rebuild them as much as funds will permit, according to Merlin Hill, construction supervisor.

Utah County is doing the work with funds from a \$450,000 federal grant under a make-work program of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Approximately 75 percent of the money must be used for labor.

Workmen are cutting out dead stumps, removing weeds and brush, and removing broken barbecue grills at Canyon Glen, Rotary Park, and Upper Falls Park.

Fred Brooks, assistant supervisor, reported that part of the area will be sodded, particularly the areas where there are ball diamonds and playground equipment. It is planned to obtain sprinklers to water the grass already planted and irrigate the new sod.

Mr. Brooks said some of the parks have cement and rock

barbecues which are broken and unusable, as well as playground equipment which is broken or unsafe. These are being taken out by the work crews.

Picnic tables which can be repaired will be removed and repaired over the winter months for use next year. Mr. Brooks said the present trees will not be cut unless they are hazardous, but stumps and old logs will be removed.

A master plan will be prepared for each park to designate future landscaping and recreational developments, county officials reported. It is hoped that the county can restore some of the native plants and trees, Mr. Brooks said.

At Vivian Park, the preliminary work will be hauling fill to raise the park area above the flood plain. Part of the flood is inundated each year by runoff water in Provo River, it is reported.

A master plan of Vivian Park already has been prepared by the county planning department and will allow for a fishing pond, picnic areas and areas for handicapped persons, according to parks officials.

Gerald Bringhurst has been named new superintendent of the County Parks Department.

Mr. Brooks emphasized that the present grant is mostly for

labor, and does not permit expenditures for materials. For that reason, he plans to

ask civic groups throughout the county to consider contributing materials or money for picnic and playground equipment for the four parks.



SPLINTERED AND UNSAFE teeter-totter is removed by Dave Oakley, left, and John Conde as part of the parks

renovation program at Canyon Glen Park in Provo Canyon undertaken by Utah County.

